Garnett Training School, Pollocksville, N. C.

Mrs. Hagar A. Murrell, Principal
Garnett Training School

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"In North Carolina a frail little colored woman has labored and sacrificed to make it possible for the children of her people to be educated into self dependent men and women; not alone for their personal betterment, but to save them for the nation. 'Aunt Hagar', as Mrs. Hagar A. Murrell is familiarly known, first came among us when we met in convention at Altoona, Pa. A modest retiring woman, attracting no special attention until she was invited to tell of her work. Then we all recognized her as a woman whose unselfishness, devotion to her people, and hard up hill work, made her a powerful incentive to all priveleged to hear her story.

After years of service that has cost privation and sometimes suffering for actual necessities that her peoples needs might be supplied in small degree, the board of education accepted the supervision of the Garnett Training School which she founded and formerly owned.

The aim of the school is to better the condition of the colored people generally, within the touch of its influence. We surely agree with Mrs Murrell, who has taught for many years in the public schools of her State, that the only way to lesson the criminal class, also the non-producing, all consuming classes, who are a menace to the race to which they belong, is to reduce the number of idlers and increase the workers through industrial education and the Christian religion.

To teach the youth of the race the dignity of honest toil and honorable work, and enable them through their training in the school to couple their mental ability with the work of their hands, fit them to become uplifters of their people through their mental attitude and ability, to contribute in means and in leadership.

The aims of the school are sought to be met by giving to its pupils in connection with regular school courses in the public school text books, actual practical lessons right out in the field, at the work bench, cook stove, sewing machine, laundry, etc."

For this work to go on as it should, the actual needs of the school must be met financially. We need more room, we need more dormitories for the boys and girls. We have the ground, brick, lime, frame work, weather boarding for the boys building and some cash on hand.

We are helping ourselves in every possible way we can, but friends, we need your aid, we need it now.

We also ask your aid in the way of clothing, shoes, stockings, food supplies, and any aid that you can give to help in this direction, will be gladly received, highly appreciated, and wisely disposed of.

My dear Friends:

We are doing all we can to advance the work, we have suffered and sacrificed much, my husband, daughters and myself, we are not tired, we mean to hold the fort until you respond. We are coming, with our money and with our prayers. Please help us now to complete the boys dormitory and build one for girls, will you? My people are not in a condition to help very much, and that is our reason for appealing to you. Our county furnishes four teachers and is doing what it can, but its means are limited. Help us to raise $15,000 to build a home for girls and repair the old dormitory for boys, the grounds, brick, lime, frame work, etc. have been secured, also some money gived. Please help us as speedily as possible, and to as much as you can. We need money to pay teachers, help needy boys and girls, furnish the kitchen and work rooms, etc.

Rev. Henry Lee Canfield. Woodstock, Vermont, paid us a visit in the fall of 1924.

I also refer you to Rev. John G. Lovell, D. D., Pastor 1st Cong'l. Church, Chelmsford, Mass. Rev. Henry W. Hobson, D. D., Rector All Saints Church, Worcester, Mass. Mrs. Susan Marble, Auburn, Mass.

We hope to receive some Thanksgiving donations, as well as Xmas presents.

Yours in the work,

Mrs. HAGAR A. MURRELL,

Prin. Garnett School.

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Pollocksville, N. Car.
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Dear Mrs Canfield:
Thank you for your nice letter
I am always glad to hear from
you and Dr Canfield, the hot weat
has almost killed me, I have bee
very, very sick three weeks, and
am still very weak but better
My husband lost a sister Aug 20 — a
buried a nephew Monday, he left
a widow and five children, und
ten yrs, I lost a nephew Aug. 31
I hope that Dr Canfield is well
I owe him a letter, but hav
been busy some of the tim
and sick some of the time
My only excuses, Remember
me to him please,

Yours Truly.
Hagar A. Murrell